

## SENATE SPEEDS 8-HOUR BILL

Will Vote at 6 O'clock This Evening on Measure.

## PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Danger of Strike and Consequent Tie-up of Roads Apparently Nearing an End.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Official Washington and union labor circles last night accepted the belief that the threatened strike of 400,000 trainmen on the American railroads, scheduled for Monday, has been averted.

Following the passage by the House of the Adamson 8-hour day bill, which the trainmen's leaders had agreed to accept as a basis for recalling the strike order, the Senate at 8 o'clock last night began consideration of the bill and before it adjourned at 11 o'clock it agreed to close debate at 4 o'clock this afternoon and take a final vote not later than 6 o'clock.

President Wilson and scores of Democrats of the House were so confident that the trouble had been satisfactorily adjusted that they left yesterday afternoon for Shadow Lawn, on the Jersey Coast, for the notification exercises today.

Seldom in the history of the nation has Congress worked so hard and so fast to meet a national crisis. Both the House and the Senate threw aside all other subjects and devoted all their time to the strike legislation. Seven hours after Chairman Adamson of the Committee on Interstate and Commerce reported the bill, the House passed it by the overwhelming majority of 229 yeas to 56 nays.

The bill provides that the eight-hour day shall become effective January 1, 1917. The present pay for the ten-hour day shall apply to the shorter day. Overtime shall be paid pro rata.

In the Senate, where a measure similar to the Adamson bill was introduced and debated yesterday afternoon, pending action on the other side of the Capitol, the House bill was taken up as soon as the Senate, after a recess, convened last night.

The Adamson bill was virtually amended twice on the floor of the House. The labor Congressmen lost their fight to have included in the eight-hour provisions all railroads, such as the short lumber and mining tap lines. But they won their contention to have included in the eight-hour day terminal railroads, such as the Union Railroad of Baltimore and the Canton Company of Baltimore, which are used as connecting links between trunk lines in entering and leaving cities.

Despite the protest of Representative Keating, of Colorado, and a threat of Representative Buchanan, of Illinois, that unless the short lines were included in the bill the brotherhood leaders would not accept the measure, the House accepted the Page amendment, which exempts independently owned railroads of less than 100 miles long, electric street railways and electric interurban railroads.

Confusion, intense excitement, attacks on President Wilson and a violent denunciation of labor union marked the passage by the House of the Adamson bill. At one time it looked as though the House would drift into a hopeless tangle in the consideration of amendments.

## COUNTRYMEN AT THE BAR.

In police court this morning, about a dozen country people were brought before Justice Caton to have the provisions of the law defined to them as regards selling of country produce on the streets and sidewalks outside the city market, it being charged against them that they backed wagons and other vehicles containing their produce to the curb and sold same to passersby and paid no market fee. Justice Caton stipulated that the fee should be paid.

## MEN PLEDGING THEIR LOYALTY

Railway Executives Order Freight Embargos Rescinded

## LESS FEAR OF STRIKE

One Thousand Conductors Wire Garretson They Will Not Strike—Others Ask Injunctions.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Presidents of important Western railroads last night ordered rescinding or modification of the freight embargo established in preparation for a general railway strike. At the same time the railroad executives announced defections from the ranks of the railway brotherhoods, and declared they had enough men to operate trains, strike or no strike. This was denied by brotherhood officials.

Modifications of the freight embargo were announced here by the Erie and the Rock Island systems. Other roads were expected to take similar action within a few hours.

The railroad executives are claiming the defection of thousands of brotherhood members.

Polls of employees who are members of the unions were practically completed, and in general the roads said that they would be able to count on the loyalty of about 25 per cent. of their trainmen, even if the strike order were not revoked.

The most startling of the announcements came from the general offices of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe in a statement that the four Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Conductors and Trainmen—would hold meetings to request the heads of their unions at Washington to revoke the strike order.

In addition, suits for injunctions against calling strikes were filed by individual brotherhood members in various parts of the country, including a number of Santa Fe trainmen employed in Texas.

One thousand conductors of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul telegraphed President Garretson, of the brotherhood, that they would not walk out if ordered to do so, and a delegation of conductors of the Chicago and Northwestern was en route to Washington to oppose a strike before Congress and the brotherhood heads. At Louisville, Ky., 15 Louisville and Nashville conductors obtained an injunction to restrain calling of a strike on that road, asserting that the conductors of the road voted against it, and that a strike would be contrary to public policy.

Railway heads held two meetings. The executive committee of the general managers' association met alone and later held a joint meeting with the presidents and other high officials. The formal statement issued by the managers last night states that "there is a widespread and growing dissatisfaction among the train employees, who have been ordered by their leaders to strike next Monday."

From St. Louis and St. Paul came reports that roads with headquarters in those cities were preparing to run trains.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Although the strike outlook is now brighter than it was two days ago, local railroad officials and also those in charge of the terminals here, are busily taking measures to meet a possible crisis. So far practically every road has taken some precautionary steps, and all are said to be still perfecting such measures, despite the outlook.

The first necessity, according to some sources, is to insure a force of men capable of doing any necessary work about the yards and offices. The officials are busy tabulating the names of retired men, whom they are counting on for an emergency, and are also making inducements to others.

The Chesapeake and Ohio announced yesterday that it would take over the insurance carried by the men in the railroad brotherhoods and insure them at even better terms.

## Alexandria City News Condensed

Miss Emma Weingart of Washington, D. C., is spending the week with Miss Edith Whitton.

Miss Marie Graumann will spend the week-end and Labor Day with her brother Mr. Leo Graumann, in Chester, Pa.

Mrs. H. Noel Garner, who has been spending the summer with her parents in Winchester, returned to her home in this city today.

Mr. Thomas L. Watters, Jr., who has been spending the summer at Berryville, returned to his home in this city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lynn, of Indian Head, Maryland, are spending several days with Mr. Lynn's parents in West End.

Mr. J. H. Bartlett and son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Bartlett, left today to visit relatives in Pittsburgh and Ellerslie, Pa.

Lieut. Charles D. Barrett, U. S. M. C., spent yesterday and today in Alexandria, on his way from Gettysburg, Pa., to Norfolk. Mrs. Robert S. Barrett, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. Tupper, Jr., in Webster Grove, St. Louis, will return to her home here tomorrow.

## MAN WAS NOT DROWNED.

Owner of Coat, Hat and Shoe Found on Steamboat Wharf Will Get Same From Police.

What looked like a river mystery early last Wednesday morning, when a coat, hat and a shoe were found upon the wharf used by the excursion steamer Charles MacAlester, has been cleared up. No one was drowned, as at first supposed, and those who began to drag the dock expecting to hook a body were unaware of the fact that the owner of the articles was very much alive at his home in the northern section of the city.

It is now known that a man, who was very drunk, was brought off the steamer, Tuesday night with his coat, hat and one shoe in his hand. Several friends accompanied the intoxicated man, and they told an officer that they would see him safely home. It appears they did, but allowed their charge to drop the coat, hat and shoe on the wharf, which act caused so much speculation. There will therefore be no corpus delicti nor coroner's inquest.

## KIDNAP GIRL WITH AUTO.

Bridgeport, Pa., Sept. 3.—With the flourish of revolvers in the hands of at least one of three men, pretty young Mary Navey, of Depot street, was kidnapped Wednesday morning on Second street, near her home, as she was going to work in a Norristown hosiery mill. The three men picked her up bodily, put her into a jitney and commanded the driver to apply as much speed as possible. The course taken was in the direction of Downingtown.

William McGrory, a car inspector in the yards of the Reading Railway responded to the cries of the girl for help, but when he approached he was held back by a revolver in the hands of one of the men, who were young. McGrory, after the car had proceeded up the street, notified the police. Another machine was obtained and pursuit was made.

Thousands of commuters who live at points in Virginia and Maryland would suffer by the calling of a railroad strike. More than twenty trains arrive at Union Station, Washington every morning and depart in the evening at convenient time for those who work in the capital city. Should the strike order go into effect, these people will be required to take up temporary residence here or rely on transportation substitutes. Jitney bus routes in all probability would be established between many towns near here that now rely on the steam roads to bring their population to and from the Capital.

Oyster season now open at the Rammel Cafe.

Miss Dolly Callahan is spending her vacation at Woodford, Va.

Mr. Raymond Reeves is away on a fishing trip to Acquia Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Harris, of the Wagar, have gone on a visit to Mr. Harris' parents in north Carolina.

Friends of Miss Anna E. Deahl will regret to learn that she is ill at the Alexandria Hospital.

Miss Mary E. Carlin returned today from Atlantic City, her niece Miss Nine Fulton, returned today from Ellicott City, Md.

The services Sunday Night at 7:45 o'clock will be the last at the Gospel Tent on North Washington Street. Evangelist F. E. Gibson will deliver his last sermon at the tent. His subject will be "The Gospel and Its Results." All who have been attending these services, and all others who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

Virginia Grey's baseball nine will hook up with that representing the Sherwood Athletic Club, of Washington, in a double header Monday at 2:30 o'clock on the north Alfred street grounds. This is the only game to be played in this city Labor Day. The manager of the Greys has issued a call for his players to be at the grounds at 2:00 sharp.

## COLONEL SMITH'S WILL.

Real and Personal Estate Bequeathed to his Sister, Miss Margaret Smith.

The will of the late Colonel Francis L. Smith has been admitted to probate in the circuit court for the city, in vacation, and Margaret Vowell Smith, sister of the deceased, qualified in the clerk's office today as executrix. Colonel Smith's last testament bequeathes his estate and all personal and other property to his sister, Miss Margaret Smith, and directs that she be not required to give security as executrix. George E. Warfield, and Gardner L. Booth are witnesses, and the will was dated February 22, 1916.

## CHURCH SERVICES

To be Held Tomorrow in the Several Houses of Worship.

Regular services will be held at the Methodist Protestant Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. E. T. Kirkley, will preach from the text "The Witnessing Christ."

At the Free Methodist Church tomorrow, there will be preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Van Ness, at 11 a. m. There will also be an evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. P. P. Phillips, D. D., pastor of St. Paul's Church, who has recently returned from his vacation, spent at Virginia Beach and Laurel, Md., will hold services at his church tomorrow. Services will be held during September at 5 p. m. also, because of the Gypsy Smith revivals.

Rev. John Lee Allison, D. D., pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, returned to Alexandria today from Wytheville, Va., where he has been spending his vacation, and will fill his pulpit tomorrow morning. There will be no evening service at the Second Presbyterian Church while the Gypsy Smith evangelistic campaign is being conducted in this city.

Although the repairs to Christ church have not been fully completed, the regular morning service, also communion, will be held there tomorrow at 11 o'clock. Rev. Wm. Morton officiating. Sunday school will be held at half past nine o'clock tomorrow morning. There will be no Sunday evening services at Christ church during the month while the Gypsy Smith revival services are being held.

Delicious fried oysters at the Rammel Cafe, season now open.

Mr. Seldon Washington left today to spend the week-end at Charlottesville.

The town of Potomac has had its town officials installed. W. U. Varney, attorney, administered the oath of office to the following last night: Jesse W. Morris, mayor; Rev. O. C. Beall, treasurer; J. A. Varney, clerk; E. R. Fegan, George R. McCauley, Alvin Pennybacker, and Fred S. Morris, Del Day and St. Elmo are included in the town of Potomac.

Cardinals tackle the White Sox at the Cove and the Eagles take on the A. C. A. team at Clarendon in the championship series tomorrow, and both games are expected to be interesting affairs as they will undoubtedly decide the leadership. The final pair of games is played Sunday, September 10, and the Eagles and the Clarendon team have a play off to stage decides.

Heretofore the carriers at the Alexandria postoffice have been making one delivery on holidays, but in view of the act of Congress, approved July 28, 1916, the carriers are entitled to every holiday, therefore, there will be no delivery on Monday next, Labor Day, September 4. The carriers' window will be open on Monday, however, from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 a. m., for the delivery of carriers' mail.

## VACANCIES IN COUNCIL.

First and Third Wards Have Three Members Each in Lower Board.

Already there are two vacancies to be filled in the city council, which organized yesterday. Both are in the Common Council, one from the first and the other from the third ward. Owing to the resignation of F. F. Marbury, who was elected as alderman in the June election, and yesterday was chosen president of that board, there is a place to be filled in the first ward, and at yesterday's meeting the common council accepted the resignation of A. D. Brockett, of the third ward, which had not been anticipated.

## MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER.

Officers Elected — Retiring High Priest Receives Jewel.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at a meeting of Mount Vernon Chapter. Royal Arch Masons last night in the Masonic Temple, as follows:

Virgil C. Davis, high priest.  
C. Philip Heishley, King.  
Chestey A. Gwinn, scribe.  
William Lewis Allen, treasurer.  
Alfred G. Uhler, secretary.  
Percy E. Clift, captain of the host.  
H. Brooks Arnold, royal arch captain.

Thomas L. Hall, principal sojourner.  
Boyd J. Richards, master of third veil.  
Alexander M. Sherwood, master of second veil.  
B. K. Smith, master of third veil.  
Rev. James N. Nourse, chaplain.  
Leopold Ruben, steward.  
George W. Zachery, tiler.

J. E. W. Timberman, most excellent high priest, and grand scribe of the Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, installed the officers.  
R. A. Zachery, retiring high priest, was presented with a handsome past high priest's jewel.

The third of five links in the long est chain in the world — from Washington, D. C., to Cavite, Philippine Islands, via the Panama Canal — was completed at San Diego yesterday. The chain is the navy's and will enable United States fleets all over the world to keep in touch with Washington without the aid of carrier pigeons or the mails. San Diego's link consists of three towers, each 600 feet high. The formal opening of the big radio station at San Diego will take place later, possibly not before December 1, when the first message will be sent out to the world by Uncle Sam.

Oysters in all styles at the Rammel Cafe.

## RUSSIANS RENEW THEIR ATTACKS

Fierce Battle Now Raging Along the Front in Volhynia

## TAKE 15,501 TEUTONS

British Line Pierced and Germans Penetrate Advance Trenches in High Wood at Points.

Petrograd, Sept. 2.—In the course of battles yesterday on the western Russian front, says the Russian official statement of yesterday, the Russians captured 259 officers and 15,501 men. Of this number 2,400 were Germans. The Russians also captured 6 guns, 55 machine guns and 7 bomb throwers.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—In yesterday's official German statement Prince Leopold of Bavaria appears as the director of the German armies on the Russian front, which had been controlled by Field Marshal von Hindenburg before he was appointed chief of the Imperial General Staff.

London, Sept. 2.—Five successive attacks were made by German troops Thursday night on British positions on the Somme front. The war office announced yesterday that the Germans penetrated the British defenses on a small frontage at two points between Ginchy and High Wood.

Bucharest, Sept. 2.—Roumanian troops, invading Transylvania, have occupied the important industrial centre Petroseny and the Tarlung Valley, near Kronstadt, says the announcement of the Roumanian War Office.

Athens, Sept. 2.—Information received here says the Bulgarians are evacuating Sorovitz on the Serbian front, near Florina. The Bulgarians are reported to have failed in their attempt to take Gornitchovo, a town east of Florina.

London, Sept. 2.—Bulgaria has declared war on Roumania, according to an official announcement made at Saloniki.

Petroseny is the centre of a rich coal field near the southern frontier of Transylvania, lying just north of the Valcan Pass through the Transylvanian Alps. The occupation of Tarlung Valley indicates the Roumanians are extending their invasion of the extreme portion of Transylvania.

Turnu Margureli and Zimnitsa are Roumanian frontier towns on the Danube river.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

It is reported that 22 persons were killed and 40 injured when an allied squadron bombarded Ghent on Thursday.

Judge John A. Riner, of the United States district court of Wyoming, has denied a petition of George W. Argue, a conductor, for an order restraining the officers of five divisions of the Order of Railway Conductors from issuing and enforcing an order to strike.

President Wilson was enthusiastically welcomed to his summer home at Long Branch, N. J., when he arrived last night for the formal notification of his renomination today. A cheering throng greeted him at the station, and reception ceremonies were held at Shadow Lawn, the summer White House.

It is officially announced in Berlin that Gen. Jostoff, chief of the Bulgarians general staff, has died of appendicitis. Gen. Jostoff, who was regarded as one of the ablest strategists in the Bulgarian army, was appointed chief of King Ferdinand's general staff in September of last year, shortly before Bulgaria's entrance into the war. The success of the Bulgarian army, which in connection with the Austro-German forces conquered Serbia last fall, is generally attributed to him.

Oyster season open. When down town visit the Rammel Cafe.

## ALLIES' TROOPS NOW IN GREECE

Anglo-French Soldiers Said to Have Landed at Piraeus

## FIVE MILES OF ATHENS

Reports of King Constantine's Abdication Lack Confirmation—Doubted By Diplomats

London, Sept. 2.—Anglo-French troops are believed to have been landed at Piraeus with the intention meant that the allies had decided to Athens and garrisoning the Greek capital.

No report of an actual landing has thus far been received. But two dispatches from Athens today reported the arrival of allied transports off Piraeus harbor and London newspapers declared this undoubtedly meant that the allies had decided to put an end to pro-German intrigues at Athens.

The foreign office today still lacked confirmation of reports of King Constantine's abdication and was without further advice regarding the progress of the revolution in northern Greece. In the absence of official news, diplomats here began to doubt the truth of the report that the Greek King had quit his throne, though his position is growing more uncomfortable.

The beginning of an Italian offensive in southern Albania, officially announced at Rome, convinced military critics today that the allies' grand offensive in the Balkans is about to begin. The landing of troops at Piraeus indicates the determination of the allies to settle all problems in Greece quickly before marching northward against the Germans and Bulgarians.

With Italy attacking in Albania, the allies are now exerting pressure on the central powers on six fronts. The Italian movement in Albania will force the retirement of the Bulgarians from north-western Greece if it is carried eastward successfully until it threatens the Bulgarian flank.

That the Roumanian declaration of war has caused a radical change in Bulgaria's plan of strategy is reported in dispatches from Saloniki. Since Roumania entered the war the Bulgarians have made no attempt to push further southward into Greece, contenting themselves with fortifying the lines already seized.

## KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Havre De Grace, Md., Sept. 2.—When a touring car bound from Richmond to Atlantic City crashed through the Union avenue bridge and dropped twenty feet to a Pennsylvania railroad siding yesterday morning, Mrs. Jewett, of Boston, was killed, and W. P. Hoff, Henry Gill, Mrs. E. D. Hotchkiss, and Charles Bedford, of Richmond, were injured. All were pinned beneath the machine. Gill extricated himself and raising the car on a jack freed the others.

The mayor of the town near whose home the accident happened sounded a fire alarm and the firemen took the injured to the hospital here.

All will recover. The car passed through Baltimore last night. Mrs. Jewett was on her way home.

Operation of motor truck and passenger motor car lines out of the principal cities of the Pacific Northwest will follow close upon a general strike on the railways. Even for such distances as between Seattle and Portland the present condition of the road will make possible regular transportation of passengers by automobiles. Even should the strike come, the railroads expect to be able to operate a partial service, as many men capable of working as engineers, firemen, trainmen and conductors are now in other departments and can be called upon in case of necessity.

When in Alexandria, visit the Rammel Cafe, North Royal Street.